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May 3, 2006

Susan M. Hudson, Clerk  
Vermont Public Service Board  
Chittenden Bank Building, Fourth Floor  
112 State Street, Drawer 20  
Montpelier, Vermont 05620

Re: Request to Maintain EEU Budget at the Current Funding Level

Dear Ms. Hudson:

The following are Champlain Water District's comments on the Act 61 EEU Budget Review. We advocate for energy conservation, but believe the program's overall funding needs to be reexamined.

At the present time, nearly 20% of CWD's total annual budget is electric power expenses for our South Burlington Water Treatment Plant, and related facilities around Chittenden County. Green Mountain Power is also proposing a 12% rate increase effective January 2007. The CWD wholesale water rate is under extreme pressure due to increases in overall fuel prices, Vermont Gas System proposed increases, and, in particular, water treatment chemicals have increased 20% per year over the last two years.

As a commercial/industrial customer, CWD does not receive the full benefits of nearly \$25,000 per year back on its payments to Efficiency Vermont, even though we have been an active program participant. We feel that the entire present funding mechanism of this program needs to be examined in order to generate additional revenues from the residential sector to be able to maintain a viable energy conservation program in the future.

Sincerely,

Jim Fay, General Manager  
Champlain Water District